

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MULTIBLOCK BIODEGRADABLE HYDROGELS FOR DRUG DELIVERY AND TISSUE TREATMENT

the specification of which (check one)

_____ is attached hereto

X was filed on July 26, 1996
as application Serial No. 08/692,914

_____ and was amended on: _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed
_____	_____	_____	_____
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Provisional Application Number	Filing Date
<u>60/001,723</u>	<u>28 July 1995</u>
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U.S.S.N. 08/692,914

"MULTIBLOCK BIODEGRADABLE HYDROGELS FOR DRUG
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Filed: July 26, 1996

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of the application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	Status
		(patented, pending, abandoned)

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As named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Serial No.: Continuation of 09/710,416 Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Filed: March 21, 2002 Examiner: Not yet assigned

For: MULTIBLOCK BIODEGRADABLE HYDROGELS FOR DRUG DELIVERY
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST
AND REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS**

Sir:

As owner of the entire interest in the above-identified patent application, as evidenced by the attached Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and the following attorneys and agents are hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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The undersigned signatory (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee identified below, and has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the above-identified patent application and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee.

FOCAL, INC.

By: Robert W. Hesslein

Printed Name: Robert W. Hesslein

Title: Secretary

Date: March 4, 2002

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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Entitled: MULTIBLOCK BIODEGRADABLE HYDROGELS FOR DRUG DELIVERY AND TISSUE TREATMENT
Focal, Inc., a Corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.
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- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 8739, Frame 0555, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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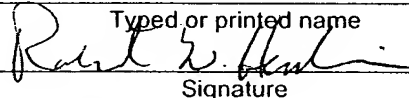
The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

March 4, 2002

Date

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Secretary

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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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3. Nature of conveyance:

☒ Assignment

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Execution Date: 8/27/96, 8/30/96, 9/9/96

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

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08/692,914

B. Patent No.(s)

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$ 40.00

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Patrea L. Pabst

Name of Person Signing

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9/25/96
Date

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ASSIGNMENT

We, Chandrashekar P. Pathak of 72 High Pine Avenue #10, Nashua, New Hampshire 03063; Shikha P. Barman of 31 Marion Road, Bedford, Massachusetts 01730; C. Michael Philbrook of 199 Marlborough St. #301, Boston, Massachusetts 02116; Amarpreet S. Sawhney of 2 Opi Circle, Lexington, Massachusetts 02173; Arthur J. Coury of 154 Warren Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02116; Luis Z. Avila of 23 Rockaway Lane, Arlington, Massachusetts 02174; and Mark T. Kieras of 1120 Balboa Avenue, Burlingame, California 94010, in consideration of Five Dollars and other valuable consideration paid to us by Focal, Inc., a corporation of Delaware having its principal place of business at 4 Maguire Road, Lexington, Massachusetts 02173, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Focal, Inc., its successors and assigns, the entire interest for the United States of America and its territories and all foreign countries and jurisdictions including all rights of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property in a certain invention or improvement in "*Multiblock Biodegradable Hydrogels For Drug Delivery and Tissue Treatment*" described in U.S. Serial No. 08/692,914 filed in the U.S Patent and Trademark Office on July 26, 1996 by Chandrashekar P. Pathak, Shikha P. Barman, C. Michael Philbrook, Amarpreet S. Sawhney, Arthur J. Coury, Luis Z. Avila and Mark T. Kieras, which claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/001,723, filed July 28, 1995, by Chandrashekar P. Pathak and Shikha P. Barman, entitled "*Biodegradable Thermoresponsive Hydrogels For Drug Delivery*," and in all Letters Patent of the United States of America and its territories and all foreign countries and jurisdictions which may or shall be granted on said invention, or any parts thereof, or on said application, or any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, renewals, reissue or other applications based in whole or in part thereon. And we agree, for ourselves and our executors and administrators, with said corporation and its successors and assigns but at its or their expense or charges, hereafter to execute all applications, amended specifications, deeds or other instruments, and to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters Patent in the United States and in all other countries to said corporation, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of said corporation and to vest and confirm in said corporation, its successors and assigns, the legal title to all such patents.

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And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said corporation, its successors and assigns.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 9 day of Sept, 1996.


Chandrashekar P. Pathak

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County of Middlesex

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) ss.

Then personally appeared the above named Chandrashekar P. Pathak and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me, this 9th day of Sept, 1996.


Notary Public

MELIKKA A. PERRON, Notary Public
My Commission Expires November 15, 2000

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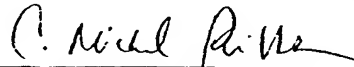
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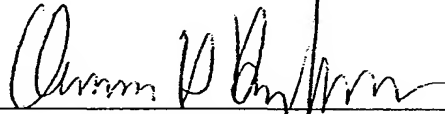
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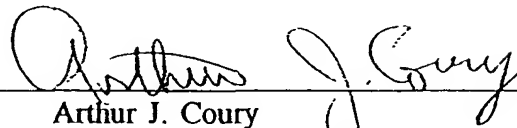
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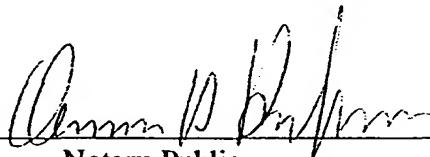


Arthur J. Coury

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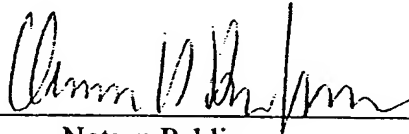


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WITNESS my hand and seal this 30 day of August, 1996.

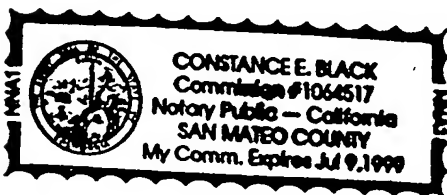
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~~STATE OF CALIFORNIA~~
~~Commonwealth of Massachusetts~~
County of SAN MATEO

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) ss.

Then personally appeared the above name Mark T. Kieras and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me, this 30 day of AUGUST, 1996.



Constance E. Black

Notary Public